

AUSTIN
of ENGLAND
£ 307 C.I.F.

THE JERUSALEM POST

THURSDAY,
JANUARY 31, 1957

PRICE: 120 PRUTA
VOL. XXXIII, No. 6724

MARGINAL COLUMN

By GEORGE LEONOV

Major Espionage Ring Broken In Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Wednesday (UPI). — The Foreign Ministry today announced discovery of a major espionage case.

Chief editors of leading Swedish newspapers were summoned to consultations on the "political consequences" of the case.

Pending completion of the secret conference of editors at the Defense Ministry, no details of the case were disclosed.

The foreign office spokesman said that the case is of "some importance." He said details would be disclosed "very shortly."

Earlier, the Prosecutor's Office disclosed that a Turkish subject has been committed for trial on a charge of espionage. Two Swedes have been charged with negligence in the custody of secret documents.

There was no indication, however, that the later announcement referred to the same case.

Soviets Expel Two U.S. Attaches

MOSCOW, Wednesday (UPI). — The Government expelled two U.S. diplomats today on charges of "incompatible" activity. Observers believed the move was in retaliation for the recent expulsion of Soviet diplomatic personnel from the U.S.

An announcement by TASS said both men, Assistant Military Attachés, "engaged in activities incompatible with their status of accredited diplomatic personnel" in view of which their further stay in the U.S.S.R. is undesirable.

It identified the attachés as Mr. Robert Tansey, and Capt. Charles W. Stockell, Deputy Foreign Minister N.

S. Patachek, handed the note ordering their departure to the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Charles Bohlen.

This was the first expulsion of U.S. diplomatic personnel since May, 1955 when three officers — a colonel and two captains — were ordered out of Russia for the same reason as Tansey and Stockell.

No details were given of the "incompatible" activities cited in the expulsion order.

LEBANESE LAWYERS SHUN AMMAN SESSION

The head of the Lebanese Bar Association, Fund Rizik, announced that his group has decided to boycott the forthcoming meeting of the Arab lawyers' conference in Amman because the agenda includes political issues, according to an Arab News Agency yesterday.

Meanwhile, the Jordan Press Information Office has banned two Lebanese newspapers from appearing in the country because they are published by the outlawed Syrian National Party, many of whose members have taken refuge in the Lebanon.

New Law Gives Treasury Control of Interest Rate

Jerusalem Post-Knesset Reporter

The Interest Law passed its final reading in the Knesset yesterday. It was opposed only by the Communists, while Mervat and the General Zionists abstained.

The Law, which passed its first reading last July, authorizes the Finance Minister, after consultation with the Governor of the Bank of Israel and the approval of the Knesset Finance Committee, to fix the maximum interest rate from time to time "either in general or for various categories of loans."

It replaces the Ottoman Law which fixes a maximum interest rate of nine per cent, but which does not make usury a crime nor provide any real sanctions.

Under the Bank of Israel Law, the power to fix a maximum interest rate for banking institutions is vested in the Governor of the Bank. He has not yet exercised this power.

Prevention Confirmed

In order to prevent a conflict between the authority of the Governor under law, and that of the Finance Minister under the Interest Law, the latter provides that neither shall act with regard to any category of loans on which the other has already acted.

Mr. Fong Chao, member of the Chinese Parliament, in a speech before the People's Congress of the Tatars of Moscow, told the assembly: "We must... strengthen the solidarity among the Chinese people, especially by the service of the Chinese people... the U.S. formally today that China is holding 10 Americans in a 'political disgrace' of freedom to free them... publicly." It was denied that the U.S. is holding Chinese citizens in imprisonment.

Saud Holds Key In Akaba—Gruenther

NEW YORK, Wednesday (INA). — General Alfred Gruenther, former NATO Commander, implied before congressional foreign affairs leaders that King Saud could greatly assist in settlement of the Gulf of Akaba dispute between Israel and Egypt by placing his island of Tiran under U.N. control.

This was revealed today by a newspaper columnist, Mr. Robert Allen, who said congressional leaders expressed surprise that they had not been informed about this by Secretary of State Dulles and other top officials of the State and Defense Departments who have spent many hours testifying before Senate and House committees this month.

This astonishment was intensified by still another discovery, Allen wrote. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has ascertained that a detailed plan dealing with the Gulf of Akaba deadlock had been drawn up by the State Department's planning staff for submission to King Saud during his visit here.

The withholding of this important information was one of the background causes of bitter criticism of Mr. Dulles by this powerful committee, Allen stated.

Whether discussions with King Saud will include the State Department plan is still uncertain, he added, as some of Mr. Dulles' advisers are against it, holding that the matter should be left entirely up to the U.N. Other counselors, however, contend that this is the time to press for a commitment from the Arab ruler. Mr. Dulles' decision, it is understood, will largely depend on the "general attitude" taken by him.

Gen. Gruenther's tip-off that Saudi Arabia is the potential key in the Gulf of Akaba stalemate came in the course of his answers to questions during his testimony. He pointed out that Tiran and the tiny islands around it belong to Saudi Arabia and not Egypt. However, Saudi Arabia allowed Egypt to occupy the straits and bar Israeli ships from the Gulf, Gen. Gruenther pointed out.

Allen quoted the general as saying: "Now Israel holds Tiran and is using this important strategic position and stand point the Gulf of Akaba is a vital issue. You ask if the removal of Israel troops would repair relations between the two countries. The answer is 'Definitely yes.' But of course Israel wants proper guarantees that the waterway will be kept open to its ships. That is why Israel is on Tiran today."

EGYPTIAN 'PRAVDA' NEWSMEN TO YEMEN

A seven-man group of newspapermen, with the additional inclusion of the Cairo correspondent of the Soviet Communist Party organ "Prauda" left yesterday for a seven-day tour of the Yemen to report on the border hostilities with the British, the Middle East News Agency reported from Cairo yesterday.

Saudi Arabian flags—emblazoned with crossed scimitars with an Arabic legend—were distributed among the crowd gathered outside Blair House.

U.S. authorities are anxious to win Saudi's support for the Eisenhower plan to grant economic and military aid to Middle East nations to enable them to resist Communist pressure.

Seek End to Israeli Rift

They also want to impress the Arab need for ending the Arab-Arab dispute with Israel, as well as frictions among Arab nations and to work out a new lease agreement with the use of the strategic air base of Dhahran in Saudi Arabia. Saudi, whose main income comes from the Arab-American Oil Co., and whose Arab governments could put pressure on them to steer Russia, it is felt in Washington, who failed to do so.

Rates to be Raised

MR. HAREFIELD (Moscow): "There's an understanding that the power will be exercised."

DR. SNEH: "Tell the whole story. The understanding is that the rate fixed will be higher than the present legal maximum."

MR. HAREFIELD: "That's true."

In an announcement after the vote, Dr. E. Bader (Herzliya) explained his party's abstention on the grounds that the effect would be to reduce the amount of credit available.

The bill was formulated in accordance with the wishes of the large banks, he said, but it represented "death sentence" for the small loan funds.

Mr. Y. Saphir (General Zionist) said his party had abstained because it had serious doubts as to the enforceability of the law.

The new law provides that if a court finds that excessive interest has been charged, it can reduce the interest to the legal maximum.

If the interest has already been paid, it can order the return of that part above the maximum. In addition, the loan is subject to a maximum of 120,000.

(Under the old law, which did not allow for a reduction of the interest, the U.S. had brought about a reduction of the interest by 10 percent.)

The law, however, does not prevent the borrower from being freed from payment of the entire interest.

The lender could be compelled to give a penalty to the borrower and was also liable to imprisonment.)

Fresh Mine Near Rafah Wounds 2 Israel Soldiers

One Israeli soldier was severely wounded and another sustained light injuries when their patrol hit a number of mines laid near the international border in the Rafah area yesterday morning, the Army spokesman has announced.

The vehicle was wrecked.

Tracks were found leading to the area under U.N.E.F.

It is learned that the mines

were laid the previous night on the road which is in everyday use.

Our Diplomatic Correspondent writes: It is obvious that

daybreak have managed to

slip through the U.N.E.F.

lines that separate Sinai and

the Gaza Strip. This is one of

the points that Israel has been making all along in its opposition to recognition of armed

soldiers for the U.S. force

and money to block possible Com-

munist aggression in the

Middle East.

It passed and sent to the

last person to say that he or

Mr. Dulles had never made

a mistake. But they had not

been asleep over the years.

Answers Critics

To critics of Mr. Dulles he

would say they did not bring

out any constructive proposals.

Generalized talk was

done at yesterday's

meeting to the House of

Representatives, the House vot-

ed 355 to 61.

In the report pertaining to

the resolution the House Foreign Affairs Committee pointed out that yesterday's

resolution does not deal with the Arab-Israel dispute or other intra-region problems.

The Committee asked the Adminis-

stration to implement the

programme dealing with these problems.

Meanwhile, action in the

Senate will be delayed be-

cause of a decision yesterday

by the Senate Foreign Rela-

tions and Armed Services Com-

mittees to hold a com-

plete review of U.S. policy in

the Middle East over the past

10 years.

The Democrats say that

Mr. Dulles' policies of "bluff,

bullying and weakness"

were responsible for creating

the conditions which forced Brit-

ain and France in an act

of desperation, to seek a Suez

Canal solution by force of arms.

They feel the U.S. alliance with Britain and France could be restored more quickly if Mr. Dulles followed

the lead of Sir Anthony Eden, the former British Premier, into

retirement. (Reuter, INA)

154 KM'S OF SUEZ CANAL TO BE OPEN

CARIO, Wednesday (Reuter). — Gen. Raymond Wheeler, chief of the U.N. salvage operations, said today that the removal of the tug Edgard Bonnet, 154 km. of the waterway south of Port Said would be cleared soon.

He said the U.N. salvage force is being deployed to its maximum capacity. Two Yugoslav ships arrived at Port Said today to join the clearing force.

The U.S. reportedly has

agreed in principle to nearly

all the strategic defence econ-

omic development of guided

missiles.

The U.S. agreed to

concentrate its forces in the

area of the Suez Canal.

He said the U.N. salvage force

is being deployed to its

maximum capacity.

Two Yugoslav ships arrived

at Port Said today to join the

clearing force.

In New York, meanwhile,

the French Foreign Minister,

M. Christian Pineau, was

drafting a statement on the

government's policy in Al-

geria in preparation for the

opening next week of U.N.

discussion of the problem.

The two votes confirmed

action taken earlier this

month in the Assembly Spe-

cial Political Committee,

which had adopted a resolu-

tion calling upon South

Africa to "review" its racial

policy and to co-operate

with the U.N. in seeking a

solution to its colour problem.

The vote was 84 to 5, with

12 nations abstaining from

voting.

The two votes confirmed

action taken earlier this

month in the Assembly Spe-

cial Political Committee,

which had adopted a resolu-

tion calling upon South

Africa to "review" its racial

Today's Postbag

WEATHER
FORECAST: Cloudy generally
with intermittent showers. Partly
clearing at noon, wind gradually
weakening.

Knesset Discusses Workers' Role in P.E.C. Directorate

By ARYEH ROSENSTEIN, Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
A vote of 27-16, the Knesset yesterday rejected a debate on the directorate of the Palestine Electric Corporation. Motions for a debate were presented by Mr. E. Ichilov (General Zionists) and Dr. B. Avniel (Herut).

was referred to the Law Committee on the motion of the Minister of Justice.

The committee deals with wife or children of a deceased tenant. It authorizes tribunals to rule that such occupants should occupy only part of the flat, and make the remainder available to the landlord.

Mr. Ichilov maintained that nobody knew who was "the boss" in the Corporation. He said the P.E.C. today was characterized by confusion, waste and inefficiency. Promotion was made on the basis of political pull and not ability.

Dr. Avniel said that the internal friction was due to the intention of carrying out a particular socio-ideological aim" and setting up a collective directorate in place of a single managing director.

He said the intention of employee representatives in the management was bad, because there was a distinction between trade union interests and operating an enterprise along sound economic lines. There were other methods whereby management and labour could co-operate on common problems.

Minister's Reply
In reply, the Minister of Development, Mr. Mordechai Bentov, said that the press reports of a "crisis" in the P.E.C. were unfounded. The changes in the management were ordinary personnel changes customary in very large enterprises.

The only innovation was the inclusion of employee representatives in the management, Mr. Bentov said. These were veteran employees who were thoroughly familiar with the corporation's problems. And if the staff was willing to accept this task, the country should be thankful.

Once the employee representatives were elected there would be no distinction between them and the other members of the management. They would have to understand specific functions and accept responsibility. They would be subordinate to no authority but that of the general public.

Mr. London (Herut): Will they be representations of the workers or be ordinary members of the management?

Mr. Bentov: They will be ordinary members. But if the workers mobilize themselves in particular behind them, I think this is to the good.

Rent Law

A motion by Mr. M. Unna (HaPapam Hamelech) to amend the Tenants Protection Law

was referred to the committee.

Citizens Gave Freely For Soldiers' Funds

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV, Wednesday.—During the Sing campaign local citizens gave for Soldiers Welfare IL 10,000 without being asked, Mr. Y. Baratz, National Chairman of the Soldiers Welfare Committee, told the Press today. Since the State's inception, local citizens had given more for the troops than all Jewish communities abroad together, he said.

Mr. Baratz told of his American tour, where he had been guest of "Etzai Bet." The 400,000 strong membership of the Zionist Federation, Mr. Philip Kishon, decided to adopt the 140 Soldiers Welfare Clubs here. Thus closer relations between a large segment of non-Zionists and Israel would be achieved.

The Soldiers Welfare Committee did not make appeals in the U.S. but would receive supplies for welfare, club activities, and prizes for its lotteries.

He had found a willing response both in England and France. One Parisian Jew had just sent 450 coats for paratroopers. The speaker showed for our defense forces during his trip. The most popular speakers are those with army ranks, he said. He was even called "Colonel Baratz."

The Committee's traditional lottery for this year will be held between February 15 and April 15. Mr. A. Abramson, a committee member said.

Heavy Rains In Negev and North

Heavy rains were reported in the Southern and Eastern Negev yesterday.

Floods were reported in Wadi Ramon, Ma'aleh Akiva and Sdom.

Rains continued to fall in the south but Beersheba had only light showers today.

A rain and hail storm like which has not occurred here for the past two years, roared over Sdom, the Canaan and the Galilee mountains on Tuesday and yesterday. The wind blew at a velocity of over 150 km an hour. Within 12 hours 7.5 mm. of rain fell bringing the total this winter to 321 mm. This is still much below last year's 750 mm. until February 20 mm. had fallen. Rain was still falling yesterday, and so was the snow.

Rains came from as far away as California. States throughout the country were affected. Mr. Wagner got 100 mm. from an American reporter who said he voted for the Democratic Mayor. He has never been to America. Friends of the New York City administration last night for help, shoulder it. It is to the Israeli Arab community, the group organized against the "unjust" treatment of 300,000 people by "certain officers" in New York toward Arabic research.

Arabs, Egyptian, Lebanese and Iraqi men of the Consular Corps yesterday boycotted a meeting of the Arab-American Association over the Saudi Arabian Government's statement about 1,200 at a royal reception. The Wadi Ramon, Ma'aleh Akiva and Sdom.

Heavy rains were reported in the Southern and Eastern Negev yesterday.

Floods were reported in Wadi Ramon, Ma'aleh Akiva and Sdom.

Rains continued to fall in the south but Beersheba had only light showers today.

A rain and hail storm like which has not occurred here for the past two years, roared over Sdom, the Canaan and the Galilee mountains on Tuesday and yesterday. The wind blew at a velocity of over 150 km an hour. Within 12 hours 7.5 mm. of rain fell bringing the total this winter to 321 mm. This is still much below last year's 750 mm. until February 20 mm. had fallen. Rain was still falling yesterday, and so was the snow.

Rains came from as far away as California. States throughout the country were affected. Mr. Wagner got 100 mm. from an American reporter who said he voted for the Democratic Mayor. He has never been to America. Friends of the New York City administration last night for help, shoulder it. It is to the Israeli Arab community, the group organized against the "unjust" treatment of 300,000 people by "certain officers" in New York toward Arabic research.

Arabs, Egyptian, Lebanese and Iraqi men of the Consular Corps yesterday boycotted a meeting of the Arab-American Association over the Saudi Arabian Government's statement about 1,200 at a royal reception. The Wadi Ramon, Ma'aleh Akiva and Sdom.

Rains continued to fall in the south but Beersheba had only light showers today.

A rain and hail storm like which has not occurred here for the past two years, roared over Sdom, the Canaan and the Galilee mountains on Tuesday and yesterday. The wind blew at a velocity of over 150 km an hour. Within 12 hours 7.5 mm. of rain fell bringing the total this winter to 321 mm. This is still much below last year's 750 mm. until February 20 mm. had fallen. Rain was still falling yesterday, and so was the snow.

Rains came from as far away as California. States throughout the country were affected. Mr. Wagner got 100 mm. from an American reporter who said he voted for the Democratic Mayor. He has never been to America. Friends of the New York City administration last night for help, shoulder it. It is to the Israeli Arab community, the group organized against the "unjust" treatment of 300,000 people by "certain officers" in New York toward Arabic research.

Arabs, Egyptian, Lebanese and Iraqi men of the Consular Corps yesterday boycotted a meeting of the Arab-American Association over the Saudi Arabian Government's statement about 1,200 at a royal reception. The Wadi Ramon, Ma'aleh Akiva and Sdom.

Rains continued to fall in the south but Beersheba had only light showers today.

A rain and hail storm like which has not occurred here for the past two years, roared over Sdom, the Canaan and the Galilee mountains on Tuesday and yesterday. The wind blew at a velocity of over 150 km an hour. Within 12 hours 7.5 mm. of rain fell bringing the total this winter to 321 mm. This is still much below last year's 750 mm. until February 20 mm. had fallen. Rain was still falling yesterday, and so was the snow.

Rains came from as far away as California. States throughout the country were affected. Mr. Wagner got 100 mm. from an American reporter who said he voted for the Democratic Mayor. He has never been to America. Friends of the New York City administration last night for help, shoulder it. It is to the Israeli Arab community, the group organized against the "unjust" treatment of 300,000 people by "certain officers" in New York toward Arabic research.

Arabs, Egyptian, Lebanese and Iraqi men of the Consular Corps yesterday boycotted a meeting of the Arab-American Association over the Saudi Arabian Government's statement about 1,200 at a royal reception. The Wadi Ramon, Ma'aleh Akiva and Sdom.

Rains continued to fall in the south but Beersheba had only light showers today.

A rain and hail storm like which has not occurred here for the past two years, roared over Sdom, the Canaan and the Galilee mountains on Tuesday and yesterday. The wind blew at a velocity of over 150 km an hour. Within 12 hours 7.5 mm. of rain fell bringing the total this winter to 321 mm. This is still much below last year's 750 mm. until February 20 mm. had fallen. Rain was still falling yesterday, and so was the snow.

Rains came from as far away as California. States throughout the country were affected. Mr. Wagner got 100 mm. from an American reporter who said he voted for the Democratic Mayor. He has never been to America. Friends of the New York City administration last night for help, shoulder it. It is to the Israeli Arab community, the group organized against the "unjust" treatment of 300,000 people by "certain officers" in New York toward Arabic research.

Arabs, Egyptian, Lebanese and Iraqi men of the Consular Corps yesterday boycotted a meeting of the Arab-American Association over the Saudi Arabian Government's statement about 1,200 at a royal reception. The Wadi Ramon, Ma'aleh Akiva and Sdom.

Rains continued to fall in the south but Beersheba had only light showers today.

A rain and hail storm like which has not occurred here for the past two years, roared over Sdom, the Canaan and the Galilee mountains on Tuesday and yesterday. The wind blew at a velocity of over 150 km an hour. Within 12 hours 7.5 mm. of rain fell bringing the total this winter to 321 mm. This is still much below last year's 750 mm. until February 20 mm. had fallen. Rain was still falling yesterday, and so was the snow.

Rains came from as far away as California. States throughout the country were affected. Mr. Wagner got 100 mm. from an American reporter who said he voted for the Democratic Mayor. He has never been to America. Friends of the New York City administration last night for help, shoulder it. It is to the Israeli Arab community, the group organized against the "unjust" treatment of 300,000 people by "certain officers" in New York toward Arabic research.

Arabs, Egyptian, Lebanese and Iraqi men of the Consular Corps yesterday boycotted a meeting of the Arab-American Association over the Saudi Arabian Government's statement about 1,200 at a royal reception. The Wadi Ramon, Ma'aleh Akiva and Sdom.

Rains continued to fall in the south but Beersheba had only light showers today.

A rain and hail storm like which has not occurred here for the past two years, roared over Sdom, the Canaan and the Galilee mountains on Tuesday and yesterday. The wind blew at a velocity of over 150 km an hour. Within 12 hours 7.5 mm. of rain fell bringing the total this winter to 321 mm. This is still much below last year's 750 mm. until February 20 mm. had fallen. Rain was still falling yesterday, and so was the snow.

Rains came from as far away as California. States throughout the country were affected. Mr. Wagner got 100 mm. from an American reporter who said he voted for the Democratic Mayor. He has never been to America. Friends of the New York City administration last night for help, shoulder it. It is to the Israeli Arab community, the group organized against the "unjust" treatment of 300,000 people by "certain officers" in New York toward Arabic research.

Arabs, Egyptian, Lebanese and Iraqi men of the Consular Corps yesterday boycotted a meeting of the Arab-American Association over the Saudi Arabian Government's statement about 1,200 at a royal reception. The Wadi Ramon, Ma'aleh Akiva and Sdom.

Rains continued to fall in the south but Beersheba had only light showers today.

A rain and hail storm like which has not occurred here for the past two years, roared over Sdom, the Canaan and the Galilee mountains on Tuesday and yesterday. The wind blew at a velocity of over 150 km an hour. Within 12 hours 7.5 mm. of rain fell bringing the total this winter to 321 mm. This is still much below last year's 750 mm. until February 20 mm. had fallen. Rain was still falling yesterday, and so was the snow.

Rains came from as far away as California. States throughout the country were affected. Mr. Wagner got 100 mm. from an American reporter who said he voted for the Democratic Mayor. He has never been to America. Friends of the New York City administration last night for help, shoulder it. It is to the Israeli Arab community, the group organized against the "unjust" treatment of 300,000 people by "certain officers" in New York toward Arabic research.

Arabs, Egyptian, Lebanese and Iraqi men of the Consular Corps yesterday boycotted a meeting of the Arab-American Association over the Saudi Arabian Government's statement about 1,200 at a royal reception. The Wadi Ramon, Ma'aleh Akiva and Sdom.

Rains continued to fall in the south but Beersheba had only light showers today.

A rain and hail storm like which has not occurred here for the past two years, roared over Sdom, the Canaan and the Galilee mountains on Tuesday and yesterday. The wind blew at a velocity of over 150 km an hour. Within 12 hours 7.5 mm. of rain fell bringing the total this winter to 321 mm. This is still much below last year's 750 mm. until February 20 mm. had fallen. Rain was still falling yesterday, and so was the snow.

Rains came from as far away as California. States throughout the country were affected. Mr. Wagner got 100 mm. from an American reporter who said he voted for the Democratic Mayor. He has never been to America. Friends of the New York City administration last night for help, shoulder it. It is to the Israeli Arab community, the group organized against the "unjust" treatment of 300,000 people by "certain officers" in New York toward Arabic research.

Arabs, Egyptian, Lebanese and Iraqi men of the Consular Corps yesterday boycotted a meeting of the Arab-American Association over the Saudi Arabian Government's statement about 1,200 at a royal reception. The Wadi Ramon, Ma'aleh Akiva and Sdom.

Rains continued to fall in the south but Beersheba had only light showers today.

A rain and hail storm like which has not occurred here for the past two years, roared over Sdom, the Canaan and the Galilee mountains on Tuesday and yesterday. The wind blew at a velocity of over 150 km an hour. Within 12 hours 7.5 mm. of rain fell bringing the total this winter to 321 mm. This is still much below last year's 750 mm. until February 20 mm. had fallen. Rain was still falling yesterday, and so was the snow.

Rains came from as far away as California. States throughout the country were affected. Mr. Wagner got 100 mm. from an American reporter who said he voted for the Democratic Mayor. He has never been to America. Friends of the New York City administration last night for help, shoulder it. It is to the Israeli Arab community, the group organized against the "unjust" treatment of 300,000 people by "certain officers" in New York toward Arabic research.

Arabs, Egyptian, Lebanese and Iraqi men of the Consular Corps yesterday boycotted a meeting of the Arab-American Association over the Saudi Arabian Government's statement about 1,200 at a royal reception. The Wadi Ramon, Ma'aleh Akiva and Sdom.

Rains continued to fall in the south but Beersheba had only light showers today.

A rain and hail storm like which has not occurred here for the past two years, roared over Sdom, the Canaan and the Galilee mountains on Tuesday and yesterday. The wind blew at a velocity of over 150 km an hour. Within 12 hours 7.5 mm. of rain fell bringing the total this winter to 321 mm. This is still much below last year's 750 mm. until February 20 mm. had fallen. Rain was still falling yesterday, and so was the snow.

Rains came from as far away as California. States throughout the country were affected. Mr. Wagner got 100 mm. from an American reporter who said he voted for the Democratic Mayor. He has never been to America. Friends of the New York City administration last night for help, shoulder it. It is to the Israeli Arab community, the group organized against the "unjust" treatment of 300,000 people by "certain officers" in New York toward Arabic research.

Arabs, Egyptian, Lebanese and Iraqi men of the Consular Corps yesterday boycotted a meeting of the Arab-American Association over the Saudi Arabian Government's statement about 1,200 at a royal reception. The Wadi Ramon, Ma'aleh Akiva and Sdom.

Rains continued to fall in the south but Beersheba had only light showers today.

A rain and hail storm like which has not occurred here for the past two years, roared over Sdom, the Canaan and the Galilee mountains on Tuesday and yesterday. The wind blew at a velocity of over 150 km an hour. Within 12 hours 7.5 mm. of rain fell bringing the total this winter to 321 mm. This is still much below last year's 750 mm. until February 20 mm. had fallen. Rain was still falling yesterday, and so was the snow.

Rains came from as far away as California. States throughout the country were affected. Mr. Wagner got 100 mm. from an American reporter who said he voted for the Democratic Mayor. He has never been to America. Friends of the New York City administration last night for help, shoulder it. It is to the Israeli Arab community, the group organized against the "unjust" treatment of 300,000 people by "certain officers" in New York toward Arabic research.

Arabs, Egyptian, Lebanese and Iraqi men of the Consular Corps yesterday boycotted a meeting of the Arab-American Association over the Saudi Arabian Government's statement about 1,200 at a royal reception. The Wadi Ramon, Ma'aleh Akiva and Sdom.

Rains continued to fall in the south but Beersheba had only light showers today.

A rain and hail storm like which has not occurred here for the past two years, roared over Sdom, the Canaan and the Galilee mountains on Tuesday and yesterday. The wind blew at a velocity of over 150 km an hour. Within 12 hours 7.5 mm. of rain fell bringing the total this winter to 321 mm. This is still much below last year's 750 mm. until February 20 mm. had fallen. Rain was still falling yesterday, and so was the snow.

Rains came from as far away as California. States throughout the country were affected. Mr. Wagner got 100 mm. from an American reporter who said he voted for the Democratic Mayor. He has never been to America. Friends of the New York City administration last night for help, shoulder it. It is to the Israeli Arab community, the group organized against the "unjust" treatment of 300,000 people by "certain officers" in New York toward Arabic research.

Arabs, Egyptian, Lebanese and Iraqi men of the Consular Corps yesterday boycotted a meeting of the Arab-American Association over the Saudi Arabian Government's statement about 1,200 at a royal reception. The Wadi Ramon, Ma'aleh Akiva and Sdom.

Rains continued to fall in the south but Beersheba had only light showers today.

A rain and hail storm like which has not occurred here for the past two years, roared over Sdom, the Canaan and the Galilee mountains on Tuesday and yesterday. The wind blew at a velocity of over 150 km an hour. Within 12 hours 7.5 mm. of rain fell bringing the total this winter to 321 mm. This is still much below last year's 750 mm. until February 20 mm. had fallen. Rain was still falling yesterday, and so was the snow.

Rains came from as far away as California. States throughout the country were affected. Mr. Wagner got 100 mm. from an American reporter who said he voted for the Democratic Mayor. He has never been to America. Friends of the New York City administration last night for help, shoulder it. It is to the Israeli Arab community, the group organized against the "unjust" treatment

THE JERUSALEM POST

Founded as The Palestine Post
in 1923. Presently owned by
Society for Jewish Welfare,
members of the G.P.O.

President GORDON JACKSON

Managing Editor
TED R. LORBER

Editorial Office and Management:
JERUSALEM, 9, HaMakor Street,
P.O.B. 10, Tel Aviv 12.

TEL AVIV 12, Tel Aviv 12.

HAIFA OFFICE: 1 Rehov Kfar-Shalem,
P.O.B. 60, Tel Aviv 12.

Subscription: £12.00 per year.

Wednesday, January 21, 1957

10 Shekels/£1.20. Second Class.

Eisenhower Doctrine A Blank Check for Ike

Would Put Secret Bakdash Fund of \$600m at Arabs' Disposal

By JESSE HELL LURIE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK. — IMPORTANT Democratic leaders from ex-President Truman to House Speaker Rayburn have thrown their influence behind the Eisenhower Doctrine. They blame the Administration for the present situation but see no alternative to backing the President's policy. Under the Constitution, it is the President who formulates foreign economic policy. Congress has only an advisory capacity which it wields mainly through the power of purse. It can forbid an appropriation for some specific project — such as the Aswan Dam, which it did last year.

Congress can also examine and criticize past expenditures. Last week the Committee on Government Operations issued a report attacking the "cavalier, free-wheeling" way in which almost \$600m was handed out to Iran in the last five years. The Committee concluded that Iran was solvent, or should be because of its oil riches, while the U.S. had squandered a quarter billion dollars on "neither technical assistance nor economic development" but on "an ad hoc method of keeping Iranian economy afloat during the years of the oil dispute."

Adverse Approval
Now the Administration is preparing to do the same thing in two other oil-rich lands — Saudi Arabia and Iraq — but is asking Congress to give it its right of approval and examination of specific expenditures. This is the heart of the Eisenhower Doctrine, and it seems hardly appropriate to call a policy of unwise friend by large-scale subsidies, a doctrine.

The military section of the Eisenhower Doctrine, the declaration of intent to assist a friendly country to resist a Communist nation, is only a sugar-coating to help Congress swallow the pill of giving Mr. Dulles a blank check for \$600 million over three years. In itself, the military declaration can be considered to be an improvement over past situations. It might be an assurance to those in Israel, Iran or Iraq, who fear a Russian attack even though a realistic view of Russia's intentions and the Soviets' would show such an attack to be improbable. Everyone, including the Russians, have known for years that if the Red Army moved into the Middle East, it would signal the beginning of the Third World War. But it might help to have it on paper.

U.S. Stronger
The real purpose of the Eisenhower Doctrine is bolstered to the Arab states. In the turbulent months since Nasser nationalized Suez, the U.S. has succeeded in not only keeping her side, but has strengthened her position in the two key Arab states — those that produce the oil — Iraq and Saudi Arabia. The



By arrangement with "McCart."

loss of the oil fields would be a much greater blow than the loss of transport through Egypt and Syria. As long as the oil keeps flowing some means will be found of getting it to the European consumer.

Since October 29, Iraq and Saudi Arabia have been forced to cut production and re-examine their oil policies. The loss is being borne statically by Iraq. All her oil revenues go into a Development Board, and there seems to be enough cash in reserve to continue all projects now under way.

King Saud's family, however, spends every penny and is reputed to have already committed most of next year's revenue on new palaces, Cadillacs, Cairo apartment houses and Beirut mansions. The \$300m, a year from Aramco is barely sufficient to keep the last slave-holding royal family in the style to which it has become accustomed. A cut of one-third will have to be made to reduce the behemoth budget that Eisenhower has asked from Congress.

In addition, King Saud has his price for a new ten-year lease on the Dhahran airbase. The lease expired last year, but the two parties have never gotten together on new terms. A few tankers and aircraft were shipped to Saudi Arabia last year (remember the scandal when the tanks were discovered on the Brooklyn dock) as a down payment on the fantastic demands made by King Saud for the base. He wants no less than \$100m.

The military section of the Eisenhower Doctrine, the declaration of intent to assist a friendly country to resist a Communist nation, is only a sugar-coating to help Congress swallow the pill of giving Mr. Dulles a blank check for \$600 million over three years. In itself, the military declaration can be considered to be an improvement over past situations. It might be an assurance to those in Israel, Iran or Iraq, who fear a Russian attack even though a realistic view of Russia's intentions and the Soviets' would show such an attack to be improbable. Everyone, including the Russians, have known for years that if the Red Army moved into the Middle East, it would signal the beginning of the Third World War. But it might help to have it on paper.

Orthodox P. TRIARCH
Editor, The Jerusalem Post
Sir. — The report in today's Post of the election of a Greek Orthodox Patriarch contains some perturbing implications.

The election, by an overwhelming majority of Trans-Jordanians, is only a Patriarch who will have jurisdiction over Greek Orthodox citizens of Israel and Greece.

Orthodoxy in Israel is disquieting in itself. Still more disturbing, however, is the formation that the names of the elected members of the Holy Synod (of whom one is ultimately chosen Patriarch) are submitted by the government of the Jordan Government, as is customary.

It is difficult to accept the view that such approval by the Jordan Government is "customary" considering the fact that since Jordan came into being no such elections (and consequently no such submission for approval) have ever taken place.

Does our Government agree that a Patriarch who will exercise quite consider-

Readers' Letters

ORTHOODOX P. TRIARCH

Editor, The Jerusalem Post
Sir. — The report in today's Post of the election of a Greek Orthodox Patriarch contains some perturbing implications.

The election, by an overwhelming majority of Trans-Jordanians, is only a Patriarch who will have jurisdiction over Greek Orthodox citizens of Israel and Greece.

Orthodoxy in Israel is disquieting in itself. Still more disturbing, however, is the formation that the names of the elected members of the Holy Synod (of whom one is ultimately chosen Patriarch) are submitted by the government of the Jordan Government, as is customary.

It is difficult to accept the view that such approval by the Jordan Government is "customary" considering the fact that since Jordan came into being no such elections (and consequently no such submission for approval) have ever taken place.

Does our Government agree that a Patriarch who will exercise quite consider-

worth of tanks, jet planes and artillery, and another \$100m. In economic aid for a government office building, an airport, an atomic power plant, a hospital and an extensive highway system.

What will the Administration do in other countries with a secret fund of \$800m. for which it can give no account? The President said at his press conference last week that he didn't know. When Congress approves the money, he will send former Congressman Richards to the Middle East to find out where the secret largesse can do the most good. There are no doubt many palms waiting to be greased. King Saud, who spent some of his oil money, among the pro-American, anti-communist élites of various countries, may be able to give Eisenhower some tips as to who gives value for his bribe.

Lebanon, which now has a pro-Western Government and a rampant prosperity, expects a share. Jordan will be helped, though the U.S. is not happy about the plan and prefers to subdivide Jordan directly. The State Department doesn't believe why it should give money to King Saud and have him turn over a share to Jordan. As for Egypt and Syria, the State Department doesn't believe either has any money to spare for Jordan.

There are no plans at present to help Egypt or Syria. The Administration hopes that eventually these countries will conclude that the tie-up with the Soviets doesn't pay. In the meantime, it is believed that the Eisenhower Doctrine will keep the remaining Arab countries safely in the dollar-filled lap of the U.S.

Issue of your paper, I wish to call the attention of all interested parties to the measures taken by the West German Government in 1945 which, the German government was calculating at the rate of 10:1. All limited companies had to reassess the value of their equipment, stocks, buildings, etc., and they had to submit and publish a balance sheet at current prices after the devaluation.

In spite of the devaluation of 1945, many companies were even able to give their shareholders more than before, while other companies had to revalue their assets between 50 to 100 percent. Many shareholders gained after the devaluation, owing to this enforced, reassessed balance sheet, while most of the shareholders suffered only a partial loss. This revaluation of all assets after the devaluation also worked to the advantage of the companies, as they could set the annual depreciation rates in accordance with the new balance sheet.

At present, the depreciation rates are fixed by the Israel Income Tax authorities in accordance with the old purchase prices, when the Israel Pound was valued at \$2.00. If our authorities would draft a law stipulating that all business enterprises must reassess the value of their equipment, stocks and buildings in April 1957, thereby giving shareholders benefit by this law, but so would the whole economy, as the new balance sheet would be more realistic and would help regain the confidence of the public.

Yours etc.,
H.W. KAISER-BLUTH
Tel Aviv, January 23

DEPRECIATION RATES

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir. — With regard to Shalom P. Doron's article "Light and Shadow on Tel Aviv's Security Market," in today's

paper, I would like to add

that the Government

agrees that a Patriarch who

will exercise quite consider-

ALFONS FINK SAYS SHALOM

By HENRIETTE BOAS

IT must be with a feeling of something like real personal loss that the many hundreds of Israelis who for some reason or other have called at the Israel Consulate in Amsterdam during the last seven years, will leave the gates of February 1, they will no longer be welcomed there — and welcome is really the right word by Mr. Alfons Fink, always courteous, always in good spirits and always, if he had seen you only once before, remembering your name.

Though no one who watches him at his daily work in the Consulate's janitor's lodge, where doorsbell and telephone never leave him a minute's peace, would believe it, Fink is 50 today.

Alfons Fink has really "been" to the Consulate, which is hardly imaginable without him or Mrs. Fink. Seven years may not be a very long period for any institution, an institution, go, but it is for anything connected with Israel abroad.

The troubles of the Middle East stem from the economic, social and cultural backwardness of these countries and the xenophobia which in good measure springs from them. These express themselves in a savage belligerency which reaches its peak in hostility to the State of Israel. But that hostility is a symptom of the disease which afflicts the Middle East, not a cause of it.

Yet as the Doctrine goes

for approval to Congress, there is far too much evidence that the spirit of appeasement is still the strongest motif in U.S. policy. The almost hysterical efforts which are being made, for example, to get on the right side of King Saud are only one manifestation of this. When America comes to look back upon this visit they will be thankful that the Mayor of New York, the Empire City, at least saved something of the self-respect of the American people when he refused to take part in the how-to-welcome a feudal autocratic, slave-trading enemy of democracy and the religious principles of the vast majority of Americans.

But it is in the debate

in the U.N. Assembly

that the spirit, if not of

appeasement, then of the wishful thinking that leads to appeasement, is so clearly to be seen. In essence President U.S. thinking is based upon a belief that after all the storm and stress of the past months the Egyptians — and incidentally other Arab states bordering on Israel — can now be trusted to carry out undertakings without substantial guarantees with regard to non-belligerency, to freedom of passage and the control of infiltration and Bedouin raids from Gaza.

The latest instances of

incursions by Egyptians

who penetrated from

Egypt into the Rafah area

and carried out acts of ag-

gression and sabotage, despite the presence of a U.N.F.P. force, are a striking commentary in advance of the cessation of hostilities by Egypt along the borders.

Amsterdam, where people could meet socially, hold meetings and attend lectures, and where light refreshments could be served. Host and hostess were Mr. and Mrs. Fink, who soon proved to be an ideal choice.

Living on the top floor of the building, they remained as caretakers when the Consulate took over the premises.

When I arrived for an interview one Sunday morning with Fink, he was just showing out a middle-class couple who had rather haughtily thought it over.

"Well," they said, "we were one of the scores of applicants who had answered the Consulate's advertisement in the local Jewish weekly for a new caretaker couple.

The job, with a flat on the premises, looked attractive enough. But when they arrived, Mr. Fink told me, they first wanted to see the flat. I showed the Fink's sitting-and-eating room and kitchen, they wanted to see the other rooms and were very unmercifully surprised to hear that there were none. They then inquired about the working hours and were, if possible, even more unmercifully surprised that actually any hour of the day or night was included with cabin arriving and visiting Israel's calling late at night. When, finally, they asked about the salary and Fink mentioned the amount, they did not think it so bad — until Mr. Fink explained that this was £1,000 a month, not £5 weekly salary. They then invariably

left the flat, never to return. I am sure all those who have ever met him.

When after the end of the war, the remnants of Dutch Jewry strayed back to Holland, it was decided, with the help of the Jews, to open a Jewish Community Centre in

Amsterdam, which was to be a

center for the welfare of the

survivors of the holocaust.

Alfons Fink, who had been

working in the Consulate

for many years, was invited

to be the caretaker of the

Community Centre, and he

has been doing a splendid

job ever since. He is a

man of great character and

kindness, and I am sure

he will be missed.

Yours sincerely,

ALFONS FINK

January 21, 1957

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Amsterdam

1957</p